

**IC 8-23-27**

## Chapter 27. Illiana Expressway

**IC 8-23-27-1****"Committee"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the Illiana expressway proposal review committee established by section 4 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-2****"Illiana expressway"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "Illiana expressway" refers to a new interstate quality highway connecting Interstate Highway 57 in Illinois to Interstate Highway 65 in Indiana.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-3****"Study"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "study" refers to the study described in section 14 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-4****Committee established**

Sec. 4. The Illiana expressway proposal review committee is established.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-5****Membership of committee**

Sec. 5. (a) The committee consists of eight (8) voting members appointed as follows:

(1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be from the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be from the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) At least two (2) of the members appointed under subsection (a)(1) and at least two (2) of the members appointed under subsection (a)(2) must represent a district that encompasses all or part of Lake County.

(c) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) Initial appointments to the committee must be made before July 1, 2007.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-6**

**Appointment of chairperson**

Sec. 6. (a) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee from January 1 through December 31 of odd-numbered years.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee from January 1 through December 31 of even-numbered years.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-7****Duties of committee**

Sec. 7. The committee shall do the following:

(1) Take and review the study presented to the committee under section 14 of this chapter, testimony, and other information provided to the committee by the Indiana department of transportation, other state agencies or federal agencies, and the public concerning the proposed Illiana expressway project.

(2) Prepare a report to be submitted to the governor and to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 regarding the committee's determination of whether the proposed Illiana expressway project is recommended by the committee.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-8****Meetings at call of chairperson**

Sec. 8. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-9****Operating policies**

Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council, including the requirement of filing an annual report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(b) The committee may meet at any time during the calendar year.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-10****Quorum; votes required to take action**

Sec. 10. (a) Five (5) members of the committee constitute a quorum.

(b) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

**IC 8-23-27-11****Staff support**

Sec. 11. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support

for the committee.  
*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 8-23-27-12**

##### **Compensation; expenses**

Sec. 12. Each member of the committee appointed under this chapter is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on legislative study committees established by the legislative council.  
*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 8-23-27-13**

##### **Testimony by department**

Sec. 13. Representatives of the Indiana department of transportation shall testify before the committee upon request of the chairperson.  
*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 8-23-27-14**

##### **Study by department**

Sec. 14. The department shall conduct an independent study to:

- (1) perform a needs assessment of an Illiana expressway; and
- (2) identify a highway alignment corridor for an Illiana expressway.

The department may use any part of a study conducted before April 29, 2007, to comply with this section.  
*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 8-23-27-15**

##### **Report by department**

Sec. 15. (a) Before July 1, 2009, the department shall present a report to:

- (1) the members of the committee in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6; and
- (2) the governor;

that presents the findings of the study conducted under section 14 of this chapter and includes sufficient background for the members of the committee and the governor to evaluate the findings presented in the study.

(b) The report required by subsection (a) must include at least the following:

- (1) A description of the need for an Illiana expressway.
- (2) An evaluation concerning the feasibility of an Illiana expressway, including the following:
  - (A) Projections for acquisition costs and eminent domain issues.
  - (B) Expected use of the proposed expressway and any toll revenues.
  - (C) Expected construction costs.
  - (D) Expected operating and maintenance costs.

- (E) Options for funding acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance costs.
- (3) A description of the department's recommended route for an Illiana expressway, including the following:
  - (A) Traffic projections showing expected use and relief of traffic congestion.
  - (B) Alternative routes.
  - (C) Economic impact studies on the proposed route and affected areas.
- (4) Any other information that is necessary or appropriate to assist the general assembly in evaluating the Illiana expressway project.

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 8-23-27-16**

##### **Sources of payment for study**

Sec. 16. The department may pay for the study conducted under section 14 of this chapter from any funds available to the department. The amount expended for the study may not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

*As added by P.L.203-2007, SEC.8.*